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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for
16 to 25 October 1951.

1. **Dzhulfa**
   19 October

   Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and
   Nakhichevan: Two passenger trains composed of 15 cars;
   one train composed of 25 boxcars, one tank car, and
   11 gondolas of which five carried lumber, one carried
   boxes, one carried two tanks, and four were empty.

   Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and
   Nakhichevan: Nine trucks carrying 55 soldiers.

   Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and
   Ordubad: One train composed of 28 boxcars, ten tank
   cars, and nine empty gondolas.

   night   Eastbound rail traffic between Nakhichevan and Ordubad:
   Three trains of unknown make-up.

   Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and
   Ordubad: Eight motor trucks carrying 29 soldiers.

2. **Sia Rud**
   19 October

   Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains
   composed of 20 boxcars, 32 tank cars, 14 passenger
   cars, and 28 gondolas of which one carried a truck,
   two carried two cranes, two carried 20 truck cabs, 11
   carried lumber and posts, four carried coal, and eight
   were empty.

   Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains
   composed of 13 passenger cars, 11 boxcars, 12 tank cars,
   and 28 gondolas of which one carried cases, six carried
   12 drums and six motors, and 21 were empty.

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3. **Khuda Afarin**
   19 October

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 99 boxcars, 19 tank cars, and 39 gondolas, 15 of which carried posts and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 boxcars, eight tank cars, and 16 empty gondolas.

4. **Astara**
   25 October

North and southbound road traffic between Lenkoran and Astara: Twelve trucks carrying cases; five trucks carrying food, ammunition, and 25 armed soldiers; 14 carts carrying telegraph wire and barbed wire; five jeeps carrying nine officers and two sergeants; eight trucks carrying empty bags and empty iron barrels; five carts carrying bricks and stones; 15 armed soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Nine trucks carrying wood, timber, flour, and iron barrels; seven carts carrying iron tubes; five carts carrying 20 sheep.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Four jeeps carrying five officers and two sergeants; three empty trucks; nine armed soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Five trucks carrying wood, timber, food, and 28 armed soldiers; two jeeps carrying three officers; six carts carrying sand.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks carrying firewood; two carts carrying sand and straw.

5. **Lutfabad**
   16 October

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Seven trains composed of 90 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 27 tank cars, and 14 gondolas.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Five trains composed of 16 boxcars, 12 passenger cars, 85 tank cars, and 45 gondolas carrying firewood.

night

Eastbound rail traffic between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Three trains of unknown make-up.

17 October

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Three trains composed of five carloads of rails, 65 tank cars, and 21 gondolas carrying firewood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Six trains composed of 19 boxcars, five carloads of food, 20 passenger cars, 65 tank cars, and 54 gondolas, 50 of which carried firewood and four of which carried food.

night

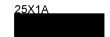Eastbound rail traffic between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Seven trains of unknown make-up.

18 October

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Five trains composed of 23 gondolas carrying food, 35 carloads of iron rails, ten passenger cars, and 96 tank cars.

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Lutfabad continued	Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Four trains composed of 12 gondolas carrying food, 17 carloads of rails, 31 passenger cars, and 82 tank cars.
night	Eastbound rail traffic between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Three trains of unknown make-up.